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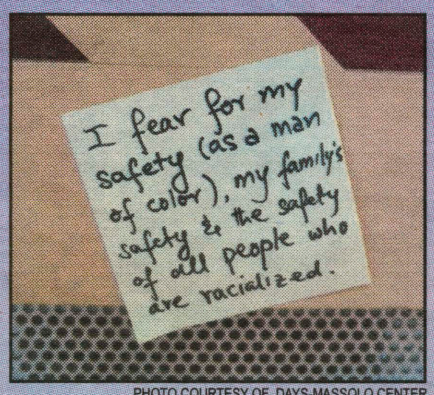
Community gathers for conversation on Ferguson

by Dan Snyder '17
News Editor

This past Saturday, September 27, over 90 students, faculty and staff came together in the Fillius Events Barn for "Ferguson: Listen Up, Teach-in & Speak Out." The event was organized in response to the events in Ferguson, MO this summer and the growing number of acts of violence against young black people.

After a welcoming from the Director of Diversity and Inclusion Amit Taneja, President Joan Hinde Stewart spoke about the importance of an event such as this. "What happens in Ferguson matters," she declared. "I'm very glad we are here together today to assure that we do what we can to make Hamilton the best college it can be." Photos of victims of racial violence, including Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown and Emmit Till, hung all around the room.



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Community members shared reflections on racial issues.

The event was designed to provide attendees with context and background knowledge on the ever-prevalent issues pertaining to racial inequality and racial violence. It aimed to foster conversations as to why these issues occur and how to respond to them. To create a safe and open space, Assistant Director of Counseling David Walden facilitated an exercise in which attendees shared their feelings and expectations for the afternoon.

The event was split into three segments, each of which had a specific theme: history, structural racism and victims & allies. During the history portion of the afternoon, Visiting Professor of History Celeste Day Moore spoke about historical perspectives on racism and activism. Visiting Assistant Professor of Africana Studies Courtney Thompson gave a poignant speech on black women's activism. Finally, Associate Professor of Africana Studies Nigel Westmaas spoke passionately about racial profiling and anti-black racism, where he cited statistics which show that a white officer kills a black man on average twice a week. Additionally, Westmaas pointed out that one in three black men are likely to go to prison in their lives.

The second segment was on structural racism and included a talk on the political economy of racism from James S. Sherman Professor of Government Phil Klinkner. Associate Professor of Sociology Yvonne Zylan talked on the new Jim Crow and Associate Professor of Psychology Jose Causadias spoke on the science of inter-ethnic relationships.

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Students march for sexual assault awareness

by Kevin Welsh '15
News Writer

Intersecting art and activism, the Womyn's Center held a solidarity march on Tuesday to support Emma Sulkcowicz, a Columbia undergrad who has caused waves recently with her protest against the school's sexual assault policy. Instead of carrying signs and banners, the marchers carried pillows and mattresses.

PHOTO COURTESY OF BEN MITTMAN '18

Participants of the march pose for a picture with their matresses and pillows outside the Taylor Science Center.

For those unfamiliar with the project, the mattresses are both artistically and politically symbolic. During her junior year at Columbia, Sulkcowicz was raped by a fellow student, and despite going through the College's disciplinary process and appealing several decisions, all her efforts failed to adequately punish her assailant, keeping him on campus with her, where she would have to face him regularly. Left with no formal options, Sulkcowicz used her senior art project, called "Carry that Weight," as a medium for protest and began carrying around her mattress as performance art.

The purpose of the piece is to both materialize the psychological weight of her trauma and to emphasize the intimacy of the attack by using an object which is one of the most common and intimate spaces a person has. She began the project at the beginning of the school year, and plans to continue the piece until either she or her rapist leaves the campus.

In no time at all, this audacious woman's statement grabbed the atten

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Ashoka U Changemaker designation provides network of opportunities for students

by Kirsty Warren '18
News Writer

Social entrepreneur network Ashoka U named Hamilton a Changemaker Campus, a designation granted to institutions of higher learning dedicated to social innovation. The Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center, Community Outreach and Opportunity Program (COOP), and students who took part in the Social Innovation Fellows program all contributed to getting Hamilton recognized by Ashoka. Associate Director of the Levitt Center Chris Willemsen emphasized that the designation is a commitment to action on the part of Hamilton.

"It's not just a stamp of approval. We're committing ourselves to innovation and positive social change," Willemsen said.

Professor Marianne Janack expressed similar sentiments. Janack is one of the "Change Leaders," a member of the group that encourages and implements social innovation on campus.

"Our designation is mostly about promise and potential; the Ashoka evaluation process showed that there are lots of little pockets of social innovation happening on campus, and in our relationships with Utica and other colleges in the area, but that until we embarked on this process, no one had thought of bringing them together under a larger umbrella," Janack said.

"The designation is a powerful motivation to keep advancing the college's educational goals of educating citizens who are able to imagine and implement informed, ethical, and effective solutions to persistent social problems," said the Director of the Levitt Center, Professor Julio Videras.

According to Ashoka U's website, Changemaker Campus candidates pay the organization $8,500 over two different phases of the selection process. Then, institutions pay an additional $10,000 for "on-boarding" once they have been designated a Changemaker Campus. School officials say Hamilton paid $1,000 less under an earlier pay schedule. "This one time fee covers the cost of an Ashoka U visit to campus as well as feedback and assessment about our programming from experts in the field and other associated costs of belonging to the university network, Willemsen explained.

Eren Shultz '15 said social innovation is a natural fit for Hamilton, where students learn to think and find solutions in a creative, unconventional way. After attending a conference at Harvard in 2013, Shultz, a group of other students, Videras and Willemsen began working to bring the concept to Hamilton.

Hamilton follows Stanford's definition of social innovation, which defines it as "a novel solution to a long-standing social problem that is more effective, efficient, sustainable or just." Plans for continued social innovation are as varied as the students and faculty involved. According to Videras, Hamilton's plans include providing fellowships for students who are passionate about social change. One of the fellowships in the process of being funded will go to a graduate who wants to work in the public sector while another will support a social innovator who wants to serve the local community. Janack said she is excited about the prospect of starting a settlement house in Utica and other projects to serve Utica and the surrounding area. On campus, Hamilton will offer more social innovation classes.

> **"It's not just a stamp of approval. We're committing ourselves to innovation and positive social change."**
> *—Chris Willemsen*

"We're partnering with many people both on and off campus, working together to try to address persistent social problems," Willemsen said. Since applying last spring Hamilton underwent the three-phase selection process which included a "360° Campus Scan," a site visit by Ashoka U and a selection panel in which Change Leaders make a case for their institution before a panel of experts who decide whether the school qualifies as a Changemaker Campus. Willemsen, Janack and Dean of Faculty Patrick Reynolds traveled to California to "pitch" for Hamilton in August. Ashoka U Outreach Manager Rebecca Kagan said the organization was impressed by Hamilton's commitment to social innovation at all levels by administration to faculty to students.

"Ashoka kind of termed 'social innovation,'" Shultz said. "They started looking at the social sector in a new way, looking for ways to create sustainable change."

Tsion Tesfaye '16 is a member of the Innovation Team, which she defined as a group that works to integrate solution-focused problem-solving in the Hamilton community. After being involved with the application process, Tesfaye said she was not surprised Hamilton received the designation.

"What really hit me was what [being named a Changemaker Campus] meant," Tesfaye said. "It means being connected to the Ashoka network, which includes fellows all over the world doing great, amazing work. In fact, great and amazing are understatements. Mentoring and networking are everything."

Ashoka's main branch includes almost 3,000 fellows in 70 countries. Ashoka U, the higher education branch, is made up of 27 colleges and universities including Hamilton. Hamilton's designation as a Changemaker Campus connects students to this resource network.

"Ashoka U thinks about how to get our smartest and brightest people to start thinking about tough challenges and how to solve them in new ways," Shultz said. "You have Ashoka U and then you have the Ashoka Fellows. If a student is working on a project, chances are one of those fellows has done something similar or has valuable advice. I went to Africa on a Levitt research grant for two months to study sustainable agriculture. All around Africa there are all these Ashoka Fellows who I tapped into through this network. I stayed with them, I learned from them, I worked with them. That's just an example of how those fellows are a resource to us as an Ashoka U Changemaker Campus."

Students like Tesfaye and Ryan Ong '16 participated in last years' Social Innovation Fellows program and created projects that embody what Ashoka strives for. Ong developed a fashion brand which collects donated clothes and redesigns and sells them. The funds are then donated to an organization which advocates for homeless LGBTQ youth. He called the Levitt Center a hub for systemic positive change coming from Hamilton students. Tesfaye spent the summer working with students in Ethiopia, trying to combat brain drain by encouraging them to stay and work in their country. Videos about Ong and Tesfaye's projects were submitted to Ashoka U during the selection process.

"Students involved in social innovation had a humble, yet ambitious, vision for how their ventures would contribute to social impact. They are careful to account for the ways in which their work could do damage, as well as good, and to think intelligently about their choices. Students get involved not in the "remote lives of others," but instead return to communities they are connected to," Kagan said. "In addition, faculty and staff encourage them to view their work developing ventures as stepping stones, instead of expecting their current venture to be a silver bullet."

Tesfaye returned to the idea Willemsen brought up: being named a Changemaker Campus is only the beginning.

"We would like to see it more as a commitment to action than as just a title to put next to our name and advertise," Tesfaye said. "It means that we need to put more effort into spreading social innovation on our campus. Leadership or innovation courses should not be restricted to a specific major or a certain type of personality. The beauty of it lies in that it can be applicable to anyone."

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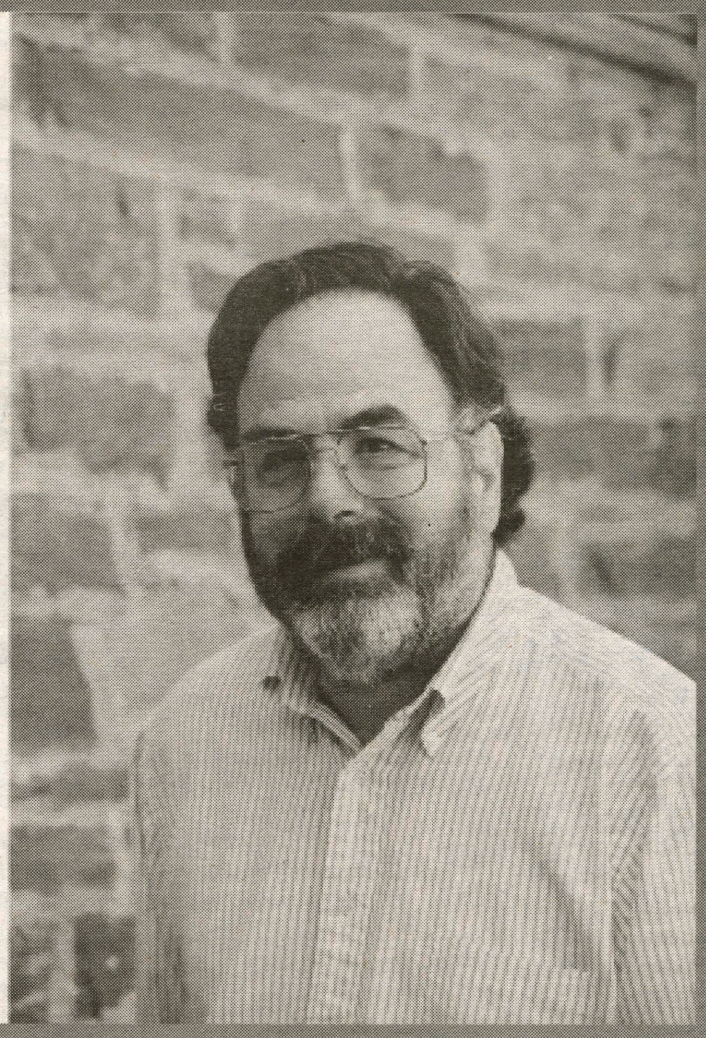

Students, faculty, staff march for racial equality

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The third and final segment was on victims and allies. Professor of Classics & Africana Studies and Director of Africana Studies Shelley Haley spoke on the demonizing of victims and racial and cultural literacy. Finally, a panel of students shared their feelings on what Ferguson means to them.

After each segment, attendees had the chance to ask questions and then to discuss amongst themselves the topics on-hand. Students, faculty and staff engaged in conversations about these highly relevant issues and how they relate to Hamilton. Common topics of discussion included what can be done to combat all forms of racism at Hamilton. Some students expressed frustration with the lack of participation in events like this.

"I think this event was a step in the right direction. Sitting at a discussion table with Dean Thompson and President Stewart opened my eyes to the fact that the administration is indeed taking students' concerns seriously," Jonah Boucher '17 said. If anything, the event was an acknowledgement of problems with societal and campus attitudes towards race. Boucher expressed his optimism too: "I hope that the attempt at collaboration between the often opposing perspectives here at Hamilton reflects a national trend of reconciling different interests in order to address cultural norms that cannot be tolerated." While many would argue there is certainly much more to be done to combat all forms of racism on and off campus, attendees were hopeful that the event continued a healthy dialogue which will look to include more of the campus community in the future.

The discussions extended throughout the day as attendees made posters for the peace march down Martin's Way, later that afternoon.

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Students, faculty and staff carried signs protesting racial inequality and privilege.

Students 'Carry the Weight' against sexual assault

from ***Students march,*** *page 1*

tion of media outlets around the globe and of college campuses with similarly flawed administrative systems for handling sexual assault. While Hamilton has an upstanding history of active and open response to sexual assaults on campus, it is an undeniable fact that it still happens. Statistics show that one in four female students will be raped during their college careers.

Raising awareness about these grave statistics was certainly a part of the march's goal. Womyn's Center executive board member Tracy Mazerolle '15 , commented, "The purpose of Tuesday's protest was to raise awareness about the prevalence of sexual violence in our society, particularly on college campuses... Sexual assault and misconduct is disturbingly common on college campuses, including at our own school, so we wanted to bring the issue to the forefront at Hamilton and send a message of support and solidarity to survivors of these violent crimes."

Emily Eisler '17 attended the protest and reiterated this sentiment: "I feel like sexual assault is something that people do not talk about enough, and it's way more prevalent than most people think it is."

The march began at the Science Center where around 75 students gathered with dozens of pillows and a few mattresses. The group was primarily composed of women, but several men were also present, one even with his own mattress. The group walked up Martin's Way to the Kirner Johnson Building and chanted in protest of sexual assault. After seeing a couple of students manage to get through their mornings with their mattresses in tow earlier in the day, some students believed that a whole group carrying one together would not be very hard. After a few minutes though, the performance piece became far less symbolic and much more physical as the weight of the mattress began to strain the six students carrying it.

The protest ended at KJ, and the group talked about their protest experiences that day. One student described how a classmate thought it was weird that such a small girl would decide to carry a mattress that was so large instead of just a pillow or blanket. The art's meaning may not have been immediately evident, but it was enough to start a conversation, which could explain the meaning, something all activism strives to do.

Reflecting on the protest, Mazzerolle '15 said, "We were extremely happy with the support that the protest received. It was fantastic to see so many people carrying mattresses, pillows, stuffed animals and other bedding items throughout the day, and we had a great turnout for our solidarity march across campus."

The use of artistic expression in such a political movement is certainly not typical, but the two are not mutually exclusive. Mazzerolle felt that "Art and activism are closely related in many ways. Both evoke emotion and consideration of topics that the artist/activist wishes to address."

Sulkcowicz and the Womyn's Center seemed to have found a new, provocatively effective way to incite conversation on otherwise forgotten issues. Mazzerolle enjoyed and supported the combination of art and activism, saying, "If another opportunity presents itself, I think we would be open to it."

Campus Safety Incident Report

In an effort to increase Campus Safety's transparency and draw attention to students' dangerous and destructive behaviors, *The Spectator* will publish a selection of the previous weekend's incidents each Thursday. The entire report is available in the online edition of *The Spectator.* Both Campus Safety and *The Spectator* will use their discretion regarding what is published.

Thursday, September 25, 2014

9:13 a.m. Fire Alarm Activation – Wertimer House

4:42 p.m. Smoke Detector Activation – Babbitt Hall

7:10 p.m. Smoke Detector Activation – Babbitt Hall

7:23 p.m. Security Alarm Activation – Wellin Museum

8:31 p.m. Larceny – Alumni Gym

9:08 p.m. Smoke Detector Activation – Griffin Road

11:59 p.m. Smoke Detector Activation – Babbitt Hall

Friday, September 26, 2014

10:01 a.m. Fire Alarm Activation – Griffin Road Apts.

2:35 p.m. Area Check – Campus Road

Saturday, September 27, 2014

12:09 a.m. Area Check – Main Quad

12:52 a.m. Noise Complaint – Root Farmhouse Apts.

1:40 a.m. Noise Complaint – Babbitt Hall Exterior

4:48 a.m. Medical Emergency – Residence Hall

11:14 a.m. Medical Emergency – Residence Hall

4:46 a.m. Fire Alarm Activation – Saunders House

7:04 p.m. Area Check – Griffin Road

8:31 p.m. Smoke Detector Activation – Dunham Hall

11:57 p.m. Noise Complaint – Ferguson House

Sunday, September 28, 2014

12:14 a.m. Criminal Mischief – North Hall

12:34 a.m. Medical Emergency – Tolles Pavilion

1:41 a.m. Disorderly Conduct – Burke Library

2:02 a.m. Criminal Mischief – Dunham Hall

2:53 a.m. Noise Complaint – Carnegie Hall

2:58 a.m. Fire Alarm Activation – Minor Hall

Hamilton students engage with Clinton for Fall Fest

by Shannon O'Brien '15
Senior Editor

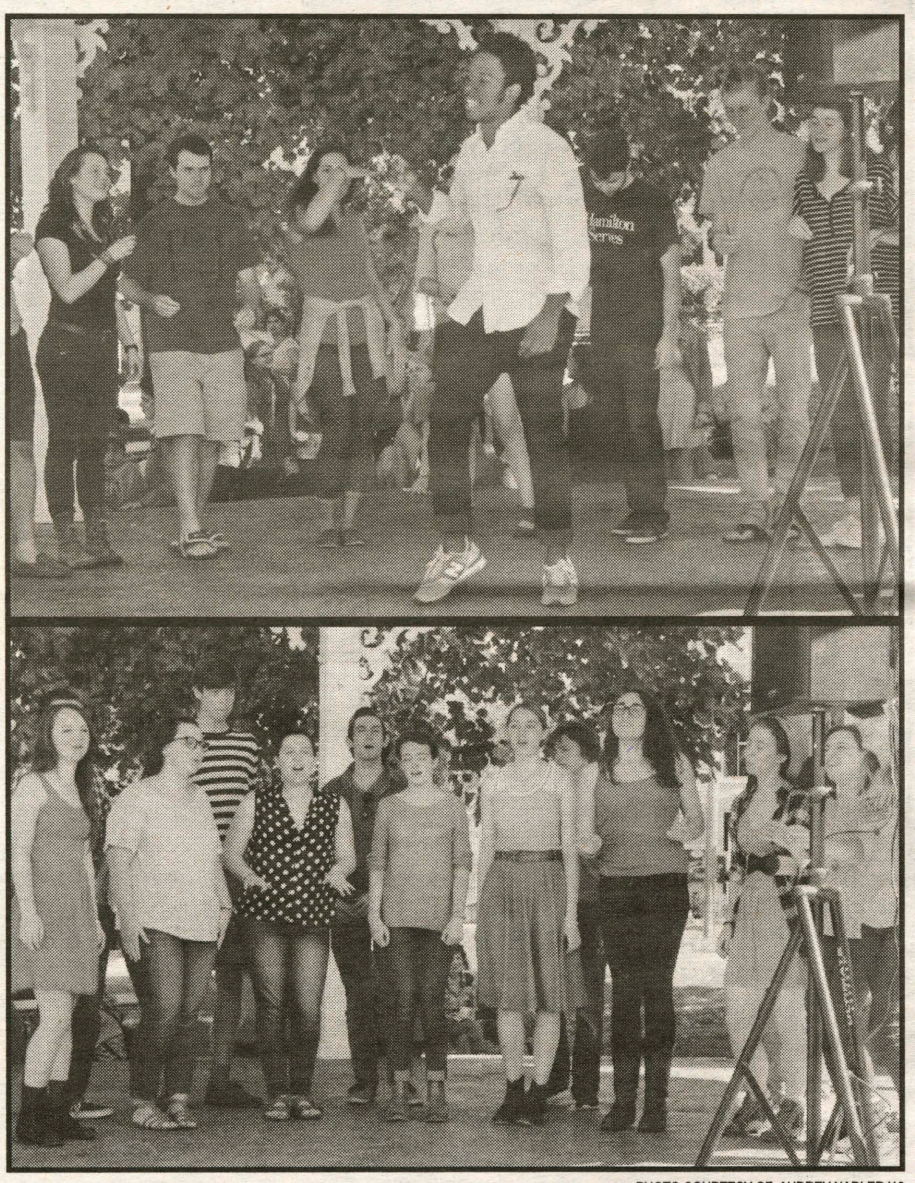
On Sunday, September 28, Hamilton students ventured off the Hill to enjoy the free music, food and crafts of the annual Fall Fest in Clinton. The event featured entertainment by Hamilton a cappella groups as well as local bands. Bon Appétit provided a spread of autumnal delicacies such as chili, molasses cookies and apple cider.

Various Hamilton clubs set up booths at the event to educate festivalgoers about their organizations and provide fun activities and crafts for children. Kyle Burnham '15, founder of Hamilton's new Ento Club, offered cricket bars and cookies to passersby. "I hadn't planned on doing Fall Fest at first, since the club's just getting up and running and eating insects is a bit of a weird thing," Burnham said, "but after they asked I figured, it would be a good way to get the word out." Burnham explained to interested students and Clinton residents the ecological significance of eating insects and encouraged them to then try a sample of insect-based snacks. "People were pretty engaged once I started talking to them," said Burnham, "and there were several occasions that a small crowd formed."

Olivia Surgent '17 hosted the booth for Hamilton Autism Advocates for Neurodiversity (HAAND). The HAAND booth sold autism awareness ribbons to raise funds for the Kelberman Clubhouse, a new program that HAAND will be debuting at Hamilton this semester. The Kelberman Center, an organization based in Utica, is partnering with the College and HAAND to bring children with autism to campus every week. "HAAND chose to have a booth at Fall Fest because we thought it would be a great way to raise Autism awareness and promote the acceptance of Neurodiversity in Clinton," Surgent said. "Those of us working at the booth had a great time at the event. The diversity of people who stopped by to share their stories about how autism has touched their lives or to simply show support of our cause was amazing."

The Hamilton Republicans also ran a booth at Fall Fest, for which they hosted United States trivia. Will Swett '16 explained that since "not many other organizations were participating in Fall Fest," the Hamilton Republicans decided it was important to step up. "We decided that it would take little effort to go down on a beautiful day and interact a bit with the people who live in Clinton," Swett said. "It's disappointing that so few organizations participated, but I don't blame them as there isn't much benefit from the standpoint of most organizations on this campus. I had a few good conversations with some of the locals, so overall it was a good time."

Other groups were involved in Fall Fest as well, including Alpha Chi Lambda sorority, which hosted cookie decorating, and the Vegan and Animal Rights Group. The organizations that attended and held booths at Fall Fest seemed to have an enjoyable experience and made the festival an enriching experience for students and community members. Burnham remarked, "I thought it was great! It was a beautiful day with great music and good company. It's a great way for clubs to interact directly with a larger community as well, and I'm all for that."



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Members of the Hamiltones (top), Duelly Noted (bottom), and other a capella groups performed on the Village Green for Fall Fest.

AMHERST BATES BOWDOIN COLBY CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

NESCAC NEWS

by Kirsty Warren '18
News Contributor

Amherst implements new party policy

This semester, Amherst College piloted a new party policy in an effort to make campus social events safer. According to an article in *The Amherst Student*, student hosts of parties, called "party sponsors," must reserve public spaces in advance to prevent overcrowding. Party sponsors must remain sober and make an effort to manage parties. The article said that students must register a party "if an event is being sponsored by college collected funds, uses a public space for dancing with loud music, or if it has attendees who are consuming alcoholic beverages."

"What's hard about private parties is that they promote and encourage an environment that has really proven dangerous for our students," said Dean of Students Alex Vasquez. "What we hope we can do with the party policy is encourage better behavior with students, encourage the right opportunities for students to drink responsibly, to not engage in the kind of behavior that doesn't keep students safe."

The Office of Student Affairs collaborated with the college's police department to promote safety and to address the problems of overcrowding and substance use.

"The primary goal of the police department remains the same, and that is to ensure that our residents and guests are in a reasonably safe environment," said Police Chief John Carter.

Colby campus security allowed to roam dorms

Colby College students are responding to a policy change that allows campus security guards to patrol residence halls. Security is not allowed to enter personal rooms without cause or permission, but an article in *The Colby Echo* explained that they may "walk through bathrooms, common rooms and hallways unannounced." The college hopes students will view the change positively, as a step towards working together to keep the campus safe. According to the article, students worry about privacy invasions and that increased security presence will come with an increase in disciplinary action. The Department of Security tried to refute these fears, and some students are pleased about campus security's new role.

"I think that this new policy is a great way to get to know the people who work in security as people, and not just as people who are 'trying to get us into trouble.' It will be nice to be able to put names to the faces of the [guards] who we see around all the time," Colby student Lucy Bainbridge '17 said.

Wesleyan first-years prohibited from pledging Greek organizations

After last week's order that Wesleyan fraternities must be co-ed, the university continued its efforts to make Greek life safer by prohibiting first year students from pledging fraternities and sororities. According to an article in *The Wesleyan Argus,* Vice President for Student Affairs Michael Whaley explained that the decision came from the Board of Trustees.

"The rationale, in part, is to allow frosh to get established with their academics and the campus prior to rush/pledge activities," Whaley wrote in an e-mail to the Argus. "Frosh can also be quite susceptible to peer pressure so we hope to reduce the possibility of hazing activities by implementing this restriction. The impact of this change may well be that more juniors live in the residential Greek houses, which we think would be a good thing."

MIDDLEBURY TRINITY TUFTS WESLEYAN WILLIAMS

Change must come from student body

For white, privileged Hamilton College students—the majority of the student population—it may be hard to believe that some students feel isolated or even targeted because of their gender, their sexual orientation, their race, or a combination of those categories. On the surface, Hamilton seems like a place where nothing could go wrong, where students are treated equally, everyone is open-minded and no one holds prejudices. Underneath the surface, however, this is not always the case. In the last several years, many incidents have rocked the Hamilton campus. Whether they may be racially charged posters, insults hurled at students, or sexual assaults, Hamilton has been forced to confront these issues head on.

In the last few years, there have been a number of shocking incidents that have occurred on Hamilton's campus. This school year has been particularly productive when it comes to responding to these happenings. In the past week alone, two men driving in a car yelled a racial slur at a student and in a separate incident four men actually threw trash at a student and yelled "gay Arab" before driving away. Some other reported incidents over the years include: a poster demeaning Hispanic immigrants advertising a "Mexican Party," the n-word and "white power" scrawled on bathroom stalls, homophobic taunts, various sexual assault incidents, the vandalism of a clothesline project designed to raise awareness about sexual assault and domestic violence, students demeaning the Muslim Prayer Room by having sex in it and a seemingly anti-Semitic attack that deliberately cut a prayer from the wall of the Sukkah, a hut used for the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. Needless to say, all of these are shocking and hard to believe. While it is not clear that Hamilton students committed all of these acts, what is clear is that we must create a campus culture where these incidents are not acceptable in any sense of the word.

Recently, Hamilton students and faculty members have attempted to begin to create a kind of environment on campus that makes it unequivocal that we will no longer tolerate such incidents. On Saturday, a large number of students and faculty members gave up much of their day in order to try to understand better the racial outrage in Ferguson, MO, throughout the country and on Hamilton's campus. Those that gathered in the Barn shared their own stories and demanded to know how we can stop such episodes. While such open and honest discussions are not easy, it is a good start towards ultimately achieving a campus where minority students do not feel marginalized or threatened and are not subject to these all too frequent racial bias incidents.

In addition to discussions about race on campus, many students made it abundantly clear that sexual assault should not be tolerated at Hamilton College. Those that participated in the Womyn's Center's sexual assault march and protest on Tuesday carried pillows, stuffed animals and even mattresses in order to symbolize their solidarity with victims of sexual assault. Undoubtedly, the protest forced people to engage in conversations with their friends about the importance of awareness about sexual assault. Those that did not participate saw how many of their friends and classmates stand in support of victims of sexual assault victims and it forced them to recognize just how many people on campus are serious about this issue.

Let *The Spectator* be clear: Hamilton has a long way to go. There are many things that we need to do to protect minority students and make them feel not only welcome at Hamilton College, but also safe. We also need to combat sexual assault aggressively, which we believe the school is at least trying to do with the implementation of the new sexual assault policy. In the mean time, we as students need to continue to take matters into our own hands because there is no better way than organizing and protesting to send a message to the administration that things need to change.

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Letter to the Editor

In response to various controversies about the campus climate, President Stewart has appointed a working group to address issues of diversity and inclusion. While it remains to be seen what recommendations this group will produce, the usual pattern for such bodies is to produce some well-intentioned but ultimately ineffective proposals. This ineffectiveness results from a mistaken belief that the problems we face are largely remedied by education and etiquette. Education and etiquette both have their place, but they ignore the broader context that drives issues of inequality and privilege. As political scientist Clarissa Rile Hayward has recently written, "challenging racial injustice requires more than simply changing racially privileged people's beliefs and attitudes. It requires changing the institutions and the physical spaces that help keep racial injustice alive, even when attitudes shift."

For this reason, I hope that this task force will focus on specific institutional changes to make Hamilton a center of learning and opportunity for all its students and not just a bastion of privilege and partying. Specifically, Hamilton should implement the following institutional changes:

1. Increase the number of Pell Grant recipients from 14 percent now to at least 25 percent over the next five years. Nothing changes the environment of a college like changing the composition of its student body, and increasing the number of Pell Grant recipients will help to make Hamilton more diverse and inclusive.

2. Increase the diversity of the faculty by allowing departments to compete for target of opportunity hires. In addition to its current efforts at recruiting a diverse faculty, these positions should be taken from the usual allocation pool and reserved for hires that will contribute to the social and ideological diversity of the college.

3. Abolish all Greek societies. Recent studies of higher education have shown a strong relationship between a culture of partying and a lack of opportunity and achievement for students from less privileged backgrounds. Greek societies are not the only reason for Hamilton's culture of partying and privilege, but they are an important aspect of it, and abolishing them will represent a long step towards improving the academic and social climate for all students.

4. End the open curriculum. The open curriculum allows too many students to avoid a rigorous and well-rounded liberal arts education. In its place, Hamilton should develop a strong core curriculum that includes, among other things, serious study of languages, mathematics and sciences to better prepare all Hamilton students for the challenges that they will face.

Now is not the time (if there ever was) for Hamilton to be Hamilton. Nor should we be content to brand ourselves as a "Changemaker Campus" if we are unwilling to make real changes on campus. Now is the time for us to transform Hamilton from a place of privilege into a home for real education and opportunity for all of its students.

— Philip Klinkner
James S. Sherman Professor of Government

Thumbs Up	Thumbs Down	Who Cares?
Sexual Assault Protest: ill-informed professor thinks students are just really sleepy.	Ebola case in the US: Think you've got it? Head over to the Health Center, open for roughly 30 minutes a day.	Slowfood Challenge: also known as waiting in line for your mango brie panini.
EMTs on call at Roller Rink: resuscitating two types of students who "rolled too hard."	Streaking team in pond: buff, blue, and slightly radioactive.	More than Hair Club Meeting Cancelled: it's knot you, it's us; our funding is receding; check our email for the highlights.
Beer and Cheese Tasting at the Pub: cider and tofu options for vegan and gluten intolerant folk.	Pasta in the McEwen Global Station: if this is global, I'm not going abroad.	Annual Security Report: Alternate title, "another idiot set off the fire alarm."

by Shea Crockett '15 and Wynn Van Dusen '15

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Sexual Assault Surveys at Hamilton

SAVES Survey
(This survey was conducted in May 2014)

- **25% of Hamilton students said they have been assaulted in the past year.**
- **75% of these incidents happened on the Hill.**
- **A little over half of the participants of this survey said they believed sexual assault was an issue at Hamilton.**

Counseling Center Survey
(These results are an average of the surveys conducted every year since 2009)

- **25-30% of students experience some form of sexual harassment every year.**
- **Most incidents involve visual/verbal harassment, touching/grabbing and exposure.**
- **Around 3% of students are raped every year, which means that roughly two students are raped every week that classes are in session (32 weeks a year).**
- **50% of students who experienced any form of sexual aggression, except for rape, had consumed alcohol and/or drugs the night of their incident.**
- **80% of students who were raped were under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs at the time of their incident.**
- **80% of students committing any type of sexual aggression, including rape, were under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs at the time.**

The Counseling Center stresses that if you were under the influence of alcohol or drugs when you experienced sexual violence, you are still NOT to blame.

Year	Reported Sexual Offenses
2011	5
2012	7
2013	3

Get involved!

SAVES
(Sexual Assault and Violence Education and Support)

- **Meetings every Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. in KJ 110.**

Womyn's Center

- **Meetings every Tuesday at 9 p.m. in the second floor of the Days-Massolo Center**

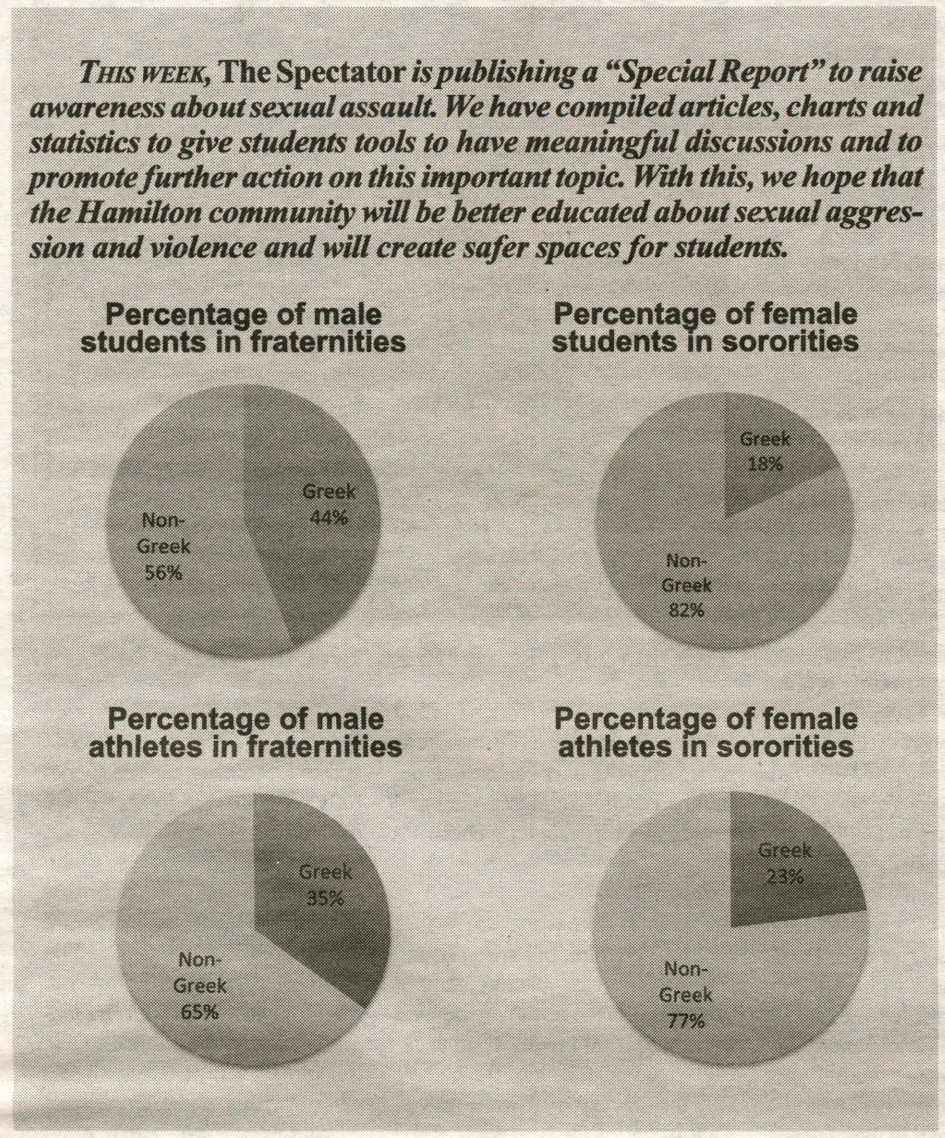
Events next week

Purple Purse Key Chain Sale
Monday 12-2pm (Oct. 6) in Beineke

The Womyn's Center and Phi Beta Chi will be selling keychains, with 100% of proceeds going to YWCA Mohawk Valley (in Utica) to help victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Sexual Assault at Hamilton

THIS WEEK,* The Spectator *is publishing a "Special Report" to raise awareness about sexual assault. We have compiled articles, charts and statistics to give students tools to have meaningful discussions and to promote further action on this important topic. With this, we hope that the Hamilton community will be better educated about sexual aggression and violence and will create safer spaces for students.



Should Hamilton change its Greek life?

by Jake Blount '17
OPINION CONTRIBUTOR

Sexual assault on college campuses has been a matter of great concern and debate for many years. Recently, however, reports of on-campus sexual assault have increased nationwide, and many survivors and supporters are searching for the cause. As with most things, a significant amount of suspicion and condemnation has been directed at college fraternities. Fraternities are common targets of resentment when it comes to collegiate misbehavior—perhaps unjustly so. But in this particular case, research seems quite decided.

The Guardian recently ran an article entitled, "Frat brothers rape 300% more. One in five women is sexually assaulted on campus. Should we ban frats?" While certainly not every fraternity brother is guilty of the discrimination they are associated with, research shows that suspicion to be based in fact. The piece is rooted in trusted scholarly work, and further studies have found predominately white Greek organizations to be profoundly unsafe spaces for people of color. Research certainly seems to support most negative views of Greek organizations, particularly fraternities. This has led to a wide range of responses, and one recurring question. Should fraternities be banned?

As a Hamilton student, I say no. Many of the factors that contribute to the results stated above are simply not present on this campus. The lack of Greek housing denies a potential assailant a guaranteed private space to commit a crime and—along with the delayed rushing policy—rarefies the perilous groupthink to which fraternities are often subject. Hamilton's Greek organizations are to a large extent no different from any other campus clique or friend group; they just throw better parties and are subject to administrative oversight. Any group of like-minded people on campus may be just as worthy of scrutiny, or more so. Does this mean that scientific studies do not apply to our fraternities? No. We must continue to look at organizations as historically fraught as fraternities with the skepticism they are due. That said, to focus unduly on fraternities may blind us to equivalent or greater threats lurking elsewhere on the Hill.

Others have inquired about forced changes to the Greek structure at Hamilton, such as mandatory co-educational status, which Wesleyan has implemented. While this may seem like a good idea, I strongly question the wisdom behind it. Might it reduce assaults by fraternity brothers? Yes, it might. However, the idea that a woman's presence will keep a man from committing an act of sexual aggression—in addition to being flat-out ridiculous in every respect—unquestionably places the burden of Greek men's behavior on their sisters' shoulders. More disturbingly, should the measure fail to curb sex crime, it would place sorority members directly in harm's way. Using sorority sisters as sacrificial lambs to protect the rest of the campus is absolutely inexcusable, and should never be considered.

While recent studies make it clear that a certain amount of caution is necessary where fraternities are concerned, Hamilton's Greek system, as it stands, is fairly atypical in ways that dull its fangs. Change at this point, until someone applies further scrutiny to Hamilton specifically, may do more harm than good for all involved.

Title IX changes will improve bias, rape culture

by Emma Wilkinson '16
OPINION CONTRIBUTOR

The patriarchy and rape culture are not the imaginings of feminist man-haters who work hard everyday to recreate their victimized status. They perpetuate violence upon countless people on this campus, in this country and abroad.

The patriarchy is a system that devalues femininity and homosexuality, in which mostly wealthy and white men run the majority of powerful institutions. It forces each and every one of us to fit into a certain rigid gender role and sexuality harmful to all people. Rape culture places stigma and blame on survivors due to the normalization of violence against people who do not fit into the patriarchy's norm. This includes people from low socioeconomic backgrounds, people of color, women, and LGBTQ individuals. These two systems work hand in hand to create a world which treats women as hyper-sexualized objects, thereby disregarding them, pretends that male rape does not even exist and punishes anyone with oppressed identities.

I strongly believe in a fair trial for everyone, but I wonder if we even have the ability in this country to create one. Recently, publicized cases of police brutality against people of color have been dismissed and police officer after police officer has been given "the benefit of the doubt" (or $500,000 in the case of Darren Wilson). Are these really fair trials for the murder of U.S. citizens? Similarly, sexual assault survivors face a justice system with jurors, judges and lawyers who slut-shame, victim-blame and stigmatize. They face college institutions that care more about their statistics than their students. They face a culture that continually makes excuses for the people who violently assault them.

This is why I am in support of the changes Hamilton has made to their Title IX policy. Yes, we can still improve, but I am proud of the College for proactively spending a summer creating a policy that finally includes lawyers in the investigative process and eliminates the intrusive and humiliating hearing. I understand that many complain that taking away the hearing is taking away the right to a fair trial, but the investigative process is still in the assailant's favor due to the sexist, homophobic, racist and classist discourses engrained in our psyche from a young age. I, however, prefer the investigation rather than the hearing, which forces the survivor to be in a room with someone who has violently assaulted her or him and asks them questions that reignite the trauma.

The real problem, as I argued above, is that simply by living in this prejudiced society, those with marginalized identities do not receive fair trials. To remedy this problem, we must uproot these discriminatory notions, laws and practices. If you value fairness and justice, you can understand why the policy Hamilton has created is working toward a more unbiased system.

PHOTO COURESY OF BEN MITTMAN'18

On Tuesday, protestors carried mattresses and pillows across campus, joining Columbia student Emma Sulkowicz in solidarity against sexual assault on college campuses.

by Hristina Mangelova '16
Features Contributor

Remember that time of your senior year of high school when October was the time for essays, college applications, visits and dreams of that one perfect college? As I was browsing through Hamilton's website, one of the first things I looked for was a program in France. Even back then I knew I wanted to spend my junior year in France. Though I hadn't studied French in high school I was determined to learn it in college.

I often ask myself why I decided to learn French and study in France so badly, and honestly, I don't know. I first visited Paris when I was 12 years old. Despite the pouring rain, as I stood on top of the Eiffel Tower, a curiosity and fascination of sorts stuck with me through the years. Now, here I am, nine years later, sitting in a café in the heart of Paris, writing about my French experience of the past month and half. It feels surreal.

The city of art

A lot has been said and written about Paris – the city of light, the city of love, the city of fashion. However, for me Paris is above all the city of art. Don't get me wrong, there are romantic spots with magnificent views on every other block, and I love the way people, and more specifically men, dress, but what fascinates me most is the extent to which art is integrated in French culture. Paris, being the capital of the country, is also the capital of art in all its forms, varying from the classical art exhibitions in the Louvre, occasional classical music performances in the metro stops, gypsy accordionists on the train to never-ending concerts of rising indie or jazz musicians, street art and photography exhibitions.

Fall is probably one of the best times of the year for art lovers to visit Paris. On September 20 and 21, Paris hosts Les journées du patrimoine, a weekend during which all museums are free for visitors. Additionally, many other places including prisons, hospitals and official residences are opened to visitors. During this weekend, I visited the French Senate in the famous Luxembourg Palace, once a residence of the regent Marie de Medici, usually closed to the public.

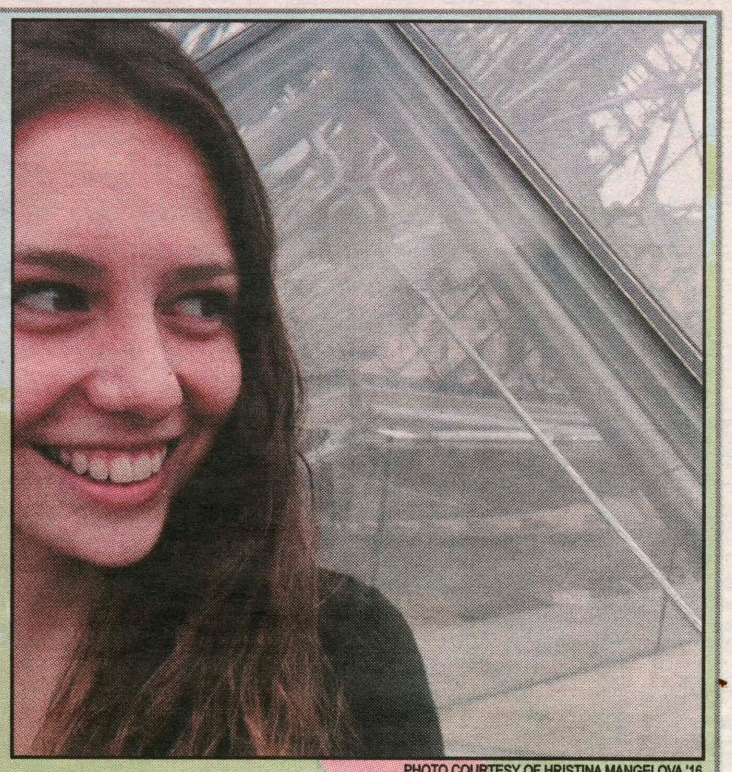
In Paris, every weekend is a celebration. You can be sure to find festivals of some sort sort every weekend somewhere around the city, and if you are very lucky, you may find the entrance to be free of charge! Since I wanted to stay on a budget last weekend, Eunice Lee '16 and I attended a sustainable art installation with philosophical pieces about mankind's impact on the Earth.

Paris like a local

One of the goals I set for myself when I arrived in Paris was to have a real Parisian experience. It's quite obvious from my accent that I'm a foreigner here, but despite that, I want to see Paris the way my 24 year-old host sister sees it.

When I learned that I am living in the 17th arrondissement (neighborhood), which just so happens to be 30-40 minutes away from everything, I wasn't super excited, but after living here for almost a month I am grateful to live away from the hustle and bustle around the Eiffel Tower. Living in a residential neighborhood known as the "untouristy" part of Paris is a guarantee for a good night's sleep as well as a chance to feel how the daily life of locals truly goes by.

During my first week in Paris, I decided to walk back from Reid Hall (Hamilton's campus in Paris) to my apartment. I walked for an hour and half, crossed the Arc de Triumph, the Seine and many big boulevards. When I finally got a block away from my destination, I decided to sit down in the park and read a magazine. Although reading about yoga and green practices in France was quite interesting, observing the people in the park was a better treat. Teenagers in an intense make-out session (FYI, French people of all ages aren't very self conscious, and you can see passionate public displays of affection in the supermarket, the café, university halls, the line for the restroom or just on the corner of the street), people eating their lunch or sipping an espresso, reading a book. And although there is no grand park like New York's Central Park in Paris, there are hundreds of small parks between residential buildings where children play and people meet friends for a chat.



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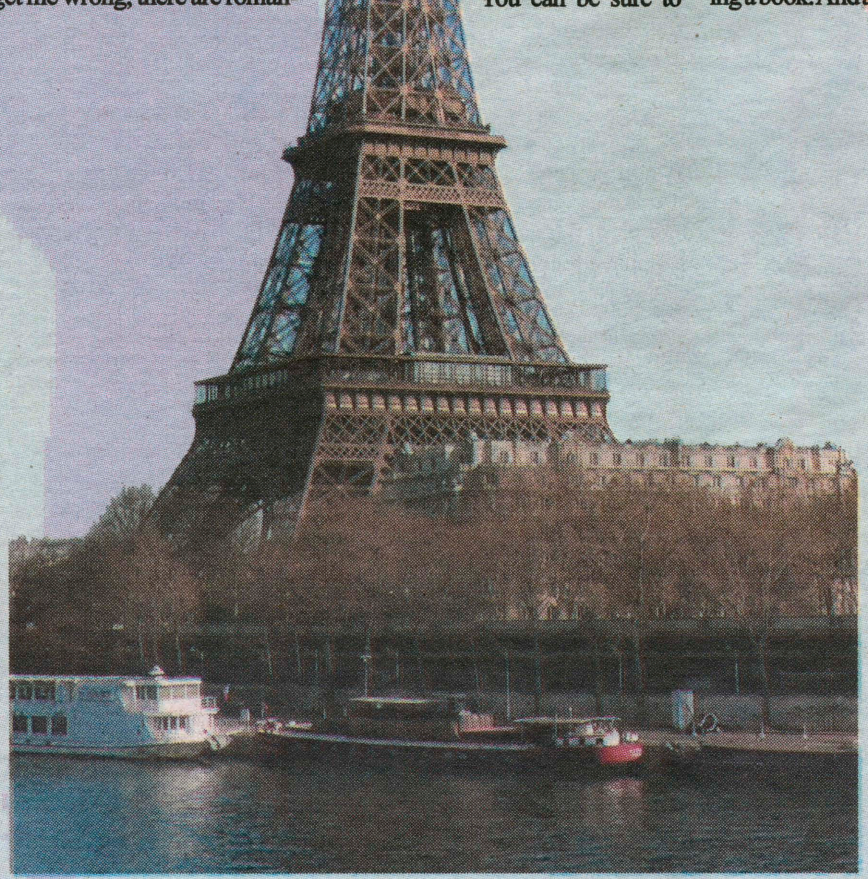
Hristina Mangelova '16 explores the Louvre in Paris.

Beyond Paris

Chances are when you hear of France, you think of Paris. Though that is the first association many of us make, France goes way beyond Paris, and if you really want to familiarize yourself with the culture and the history you must travel. That is one of the best parts of the Hamilton program – the excursion around the country. I recently talked to a classmate from my French class, an American who goes to UCLA and is here with the SIT program, and her jaw almost hit the ground when I told her that our orientation was in the town of Biarritz, Southwestern France (one of the most popular summer destinations for the French and all European surf lovers) and that we have one organized excursion every month. In September we went to Versailles, this weekend we are going to the Loire Valley, the first weekend of November we are spending two nights in Provence and in December, we are (hopefully) going to the lights festival in Lyon.

To all the first-years and sophomores out there who are considering Hamilton's program in France, I say, "Go for it! You will not regret it!" I know, you might be worried about the language barrier, the culture shock, living with a host family, being away from home, etc. Go, despite all your fears! I won't deny it can be scary not being able to have a decent conversation the first week (especially if you've taken French up to 140 at Hamilton, as I did) and having someone else different from your mom or you doing your laundry can be awkward at first, but then only a month later you will see how much your language skills have already improved, and you will learn more about French lifestyle than you would have otherwise. And most importantly, you will learn more about yourself and the world around you.



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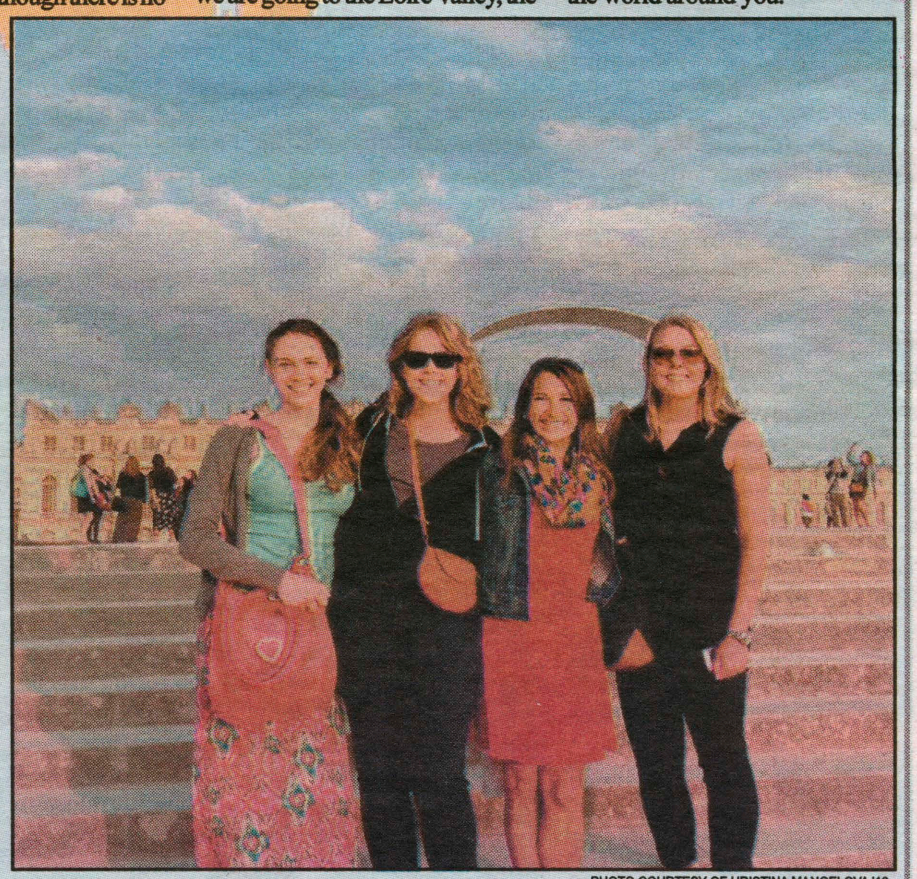

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Mangelova '16 and friends at Versailles.

Beers with Ben
at The Little Pub

by Ben Fields '15
Senior Managing Editor

"Beers with Ben" *features various members of the Hamilton faculty in off-the-cuff interviews at the Little Pub.*

This week features **Assistant Professor of Physics Kate Jones-Smith,** *drinking an Ithaca Beer Co. Flower Power.*

What is your least favorite thing about humanity?
Humanity, oh my God. That people do evil things to one and another, and to animals. I don't like that evil exists. I struggle with that.

What is your favorite thing about humanity?
That's easy. That people try to overcome evil. And that they try to do good and help one another out.

Do you believe in aliens?
I mean, I guess believe is a strong word for me. I think it is very likely that other life forms exist in the universe. But belief kind of connotes a strong held notion and in that regard I don't really have an opinion. Given what I know about the universe it would be pretty wild if we were the only life form, and therefore I think aliens probably exist.

If you weren't a professor what would you be?
That's a very relevant question for me because I was totally not sure if I would get a post-doc position. I had a plan B: I applied for a bunch of post-docs and if I didn't get one, I was going to become essentially a consultant doing fine-arts forensics, which is essentially a field that doesn't exist. One of the things that I did in grad school is this stuff having to do with Jackson Pollack. Basically there was a group of physicists who claimed his work was fractal, and that they could identify certain unique characteristics, and that they could essentially authorize his paintings based on a mathematical algorithm. I came across this work, and I totally bought it and thought it was fascinating and thought I'd look into it a bit more in detail. And, I found that it was totally bullshit. The point is, I wound up totally debunking this, which led to my involvement in a number of other disputes involving different artists, and I served as a consultant in a bunch of these disputes.

Do you have a favorite Disney character?
I like any of the sassy female leads.

If you could have any celebrity as your best friend, who would it be?
There's a lot to choose from. I would probably choose either Jon Stewart or Stephen Colbert. You know I keep thinking of those two from *Flight of the Concords.* Actually, I kind of have an idol: it's Patrick Stewart, or really Captain Jean-Luc Picard, so if he could be my best friend that's who I would pick.

How much did you drink in college?
Way too much, way too much. Although I don't know what the standards are these days. When I read things about college drinking, I feel like people are drinking more than my friends and I drank. But, we did a fair amount of drinking. I could drink whiskey back then. I can't do it anymore, but those were my whiskey-drinking days. Whiskey, man, I don't do that anymore. I went through a long whiskey-drinking phase and it was my undergraduate years.

Salt or pepper?
Oh salt, without a doubt. I'll take salt over a lot of things.

Describe yourself in three words?
I can describe myself in two words. Sassy minx, yep, definitely. Sassy minx.

What did you want to be when you were growing up?
I don't think I had a particular idea in mind, but I definitely didn't want to do physics. I didn't take physics in high school, or calculus. However, I was really fascinated by the stars, I just didn't realize that was a question physics addressed. I mostly wanted to just learn stuff. I wanted to learn about everything.

What is your all time favorite thing to watch on TV?
I have a couple answers. In terms of TV shows, I loved *Twin Peaks.* I was fairly obsessed with that as an undergrad, I had *Twin Peaks* parties. Then there's *The Western Tradition.* Well, there's *Star Trek: Next Generation.* On any day, if you gave me the choice between the three, I would pick *Next Generation.*

If you had to pick any Hamilton faculty member to sing karaoke with, who would it be and why?
I'm tempted to say Pat Reynolds, that would just be kind of to put him on the spot a little, which I think happens a little too much. If I was just doing it for fun, there are a number of people who come to mind here... I think on a list—see, I tend to do Elton John songs—folks in the physics department, I think I would have a lot of fun with Gordon Jones. I think he has a performer aspect. So, Gordon and I would have a lot of fun. I'm also tempted to name the new faculty, I think it would a lot of fun to sing with Sam Rosenfeld who's kind of a ham, and I'm kind of a ham, so it'd be a lot of fun.

Do you have a favorite superhero and would you dress up as them for a day of work?
Well, I would definitely dress up, but I don't necessarily have a superhero in mind. I mean, does Captain Jean-Luc Picard count? I guess I'd probably choose... I'm saying this because I tend to hulk out, and like get really angry, so I'd probably say the Incredible Hulk. Even though that's not who I emulate; I try to remain calm.

If you could speak to any world leader, past or present, or have a beer with them, who would it be?
I'm tempted to say Hitler, and tell him to go f**k himself. But for beer, if I could have a beer with President Obama I would love that. I mean that would be more enjoyable than telling Hitler to go f**k himself.

What word from the English language would you remove?
I was tempted to say that there was many, there's definitely words I don't like. However, I love the English language, and one of the beautiful things about it is how many words there are. A word that I wish was not in the English language? I guess I have the say the word 'c**t'. I just think it's so vulgar. I would take out the word 'retarded' as well.

Where would you have your office if you could have it anywhere on campus?
I frickin' love my office and my research space. I refer to it as my glorious research space.

If you could go back in time to any era, when and where would you go?
I don't think I would go back that far. First of all, I'm grateful for all of the rights that women, and men, have fought for on behalf of women. So I think that if I went back too far, I'd be someone without voting rights. I would love to be alive in the early 20th; crazy shit was going on in physics, and people were trying to make sense of it.

Have you ever graded drunk?
Yeah, definitely. Last year, I would invite people over to do grading after we had a glass of wine. It makes it much less awful to do. Same with evaluations, it makes it much easier after a glass of wine. I call it GWI, grading while intoxicated. It's what you gotta do.

If they were to make a biopic about your life, who would you want to play you and why?
Some sassy female lead. I can't imagine anyone playing me except me. I don't know, I think probably either Joan Rivers or Roseanne Bar, because I think those women are most like me. On screen, they don't take any shit, and I think they could totally nail it. Or Emma Watson, because she would also nail it, and I would trust her.

Three things on a desert island?
Pencil, paper and my dog.

Where would you go on your dream vacation?
Oh my God, any vacation involving a beach would be a dream. I would say Hawaii, I haven't been there. I mean that's probably cliché, but I would love to go lay on a sunny beach and not care. And see some volcanoes, I really like geology and changing landscapes, and Hawaii has that. I would go to Iceland, but it's colder.

Sound you particularly hate?
I really hate the sound of the fire horn in the village of Clinton. When that thing goes off, I just find that I'm in a hateful place.

Sound you particularly like?
The sound of 'om'.

Is there a profession that you would never do?
Oh yeah, I mean there's a lot of them. I would never drive a large truck. I marvel at the individuals that drive the big rigs, that is so dangerous and involves so much of what I don't like that I would never do that.

If heaven exists, what do you want St. Peter/God to say to you?
I would want him to tell me that all the people that deserve to be there were there, and that nobody who doesn't deserve to be there were there.

What would he actually say?
He'd be like, who the f**k are you? And what are you doing here?

Favorite curse word?
That's a toss up, I mean there are some that I utter more frequently than others. I mean I definitely like the word 'goddamn'. It's probably a toss up between 'goddamn', 'f**k', and 'bullshit'. I have a bullshit stamp, so bullshit is probably my favorite one. But a lot of times I use those three in one sentence.

Have you ever killed a man just to watch him die?
Oh no, absolutely. I don't think I could kill anybody. No, I would never kill anyone just to watch them die, I don't think I could kill anyone, despite my sassy motif, I'm not a violent person. I can't even kill bugs. I don't like to harm things.

46 for 46

by Alex Doig '16
Features Contributor

In 1995, the Hamilton College Outing Club (HOC) started a new tradition—46-Peaks Weekend. The goal was simple: Get at least one Hamilton student on each of the 46 Adirondack High Peaks in one weekend. At times, the Outing Club struggled to find enough participants to fill all the necessary trips. However, this has drastically changed in recent years. Trip sign ups have become a wild night at the Glen House. This year, after forming a line that stretched all the way down the Glen House driveway, more than 120 students signed up for 22 total trips, filling all the available spots in only 17 minutes. Dozens more put themselves on the trip waitlists. With all the hype that this weekend has gained over the years, it is only fitting that this year became something special. To the great delight of the Outing Club officers, trip leaders, trip participants, and the whole Hamilton Community, 2014 marks the year that the 19-year-old dream has finally come true. This year, over the weekend of September 26 to September 28, at least one Hamilton student stood atop each of the 46 Adirondack High Peaks.

With 46 summits to ascend, there are many different experiences to be had. Some of the trips are more for beginners. Cascade and Porter, a 6.2-mile hike, can be done in a day and offers a spectacular 360º vista at the top. Other trips, such as the infamous 17-mile Allen, are much harder and do not offer much of a view. The longest trip, the Great Range, requires hikers to leave campus Friday afternoon and return Sunday evening. This year, Anne McGarvey '17 and Eric Nieminen '16 were happy to take on the challenge, boasting eight peaks total.

In the past few years, the Outing Club has only narrowly missed its mark, setting the former record of 43 peaks in 2010 and again in 2012 and 2013. So, what made this year such a success? To start, the weather was the best it has ever been. Recently, the polar jet stream has shifted north, bringing cool air and major weather systems into Canada. Meanwhile, drier, warmer air has been reaching New York from the south. Thanks to this luck of the weather, Hamilton hikers in the Adirondacks found themselves under beautiful clear skies with temperatures in the 60s and 70s. With fall colors in their prime, it was a beautiful weekend to behold. Weather has been an issue for 46-Peakers in the past, but it takes more than blue skies to prevail in climbing every peak.

"Like always, HOC and the HOC Officers do a phenomenal job planning, prepping, and coordinating all of the trips. A huge Kudos goes to the club and also to the great leaders that volunteered their time," says Michael Nelson '16 who led the lower Dix Range this year. 46-Peaks Weekend really takes place over many weeks when one considers all the planning behind the scenes. Over the recent years, the Outing Club has been refining its 46-Peaks strategy. With so much hard work from everyone involved, it appears the club now has a winning formula.

In addition to the weather and the club's preparations, the determination and enthusiasm of all those involved was a major factor in accomplishing the goal this year, particularly on the more strenuous trips. For example, the participants led by Stephanie Talia-Murray '16, who climbed the Santanoni Range, showed amazing dedication to the goal. As Annie Emanuels '16, an Outing Club Officer and 2014 Seymour trip leader Annie Emanuels '16 describes, "They did not think they would be able to get the third peak assigned to them [Couchsachraga], but when they realized that their peak was the last of the 46, they rallied and gave a huge effort to make it happen!" Without the efforts of all the participants involved, 46-Peaks Weekend could never be what it is today.

Moving forward, the Outing Club hopes to repeat its performance in the coming years. When asked if Hamilton will be able to repeat this year's accomplishment, Emanuels asserted, "Our success this year will bring in even more students to sign ups. 46-Peaks Weekend has always been a campus tradition, but our success this year will make it even more popular."

46-Peaks Weekend is a chance for large numbers of Hamilton students to enjoy the Adirondacks. Whether or not the Outing Club climbs all the High Peaks in the future, 46-Peaks Weekend will always be a special weekend for Hamilton College. As Sara Purinton '17, a 2014 summiter of Tabletop, says, "I love the chance to get to know new people on the trail while also participating in a larger campus project. It's just a really great feeling knowing that you were part of making something like that happen."

The Hamilton Outing Club Officers would like to thank all the trip leaders and participants that made this weekend such a success. The Hamilton Community is invited to celebrate the school's accomplishment Thursday, October 2 at 7 p.m. in the Glen House for root beer and 46 cheeses.

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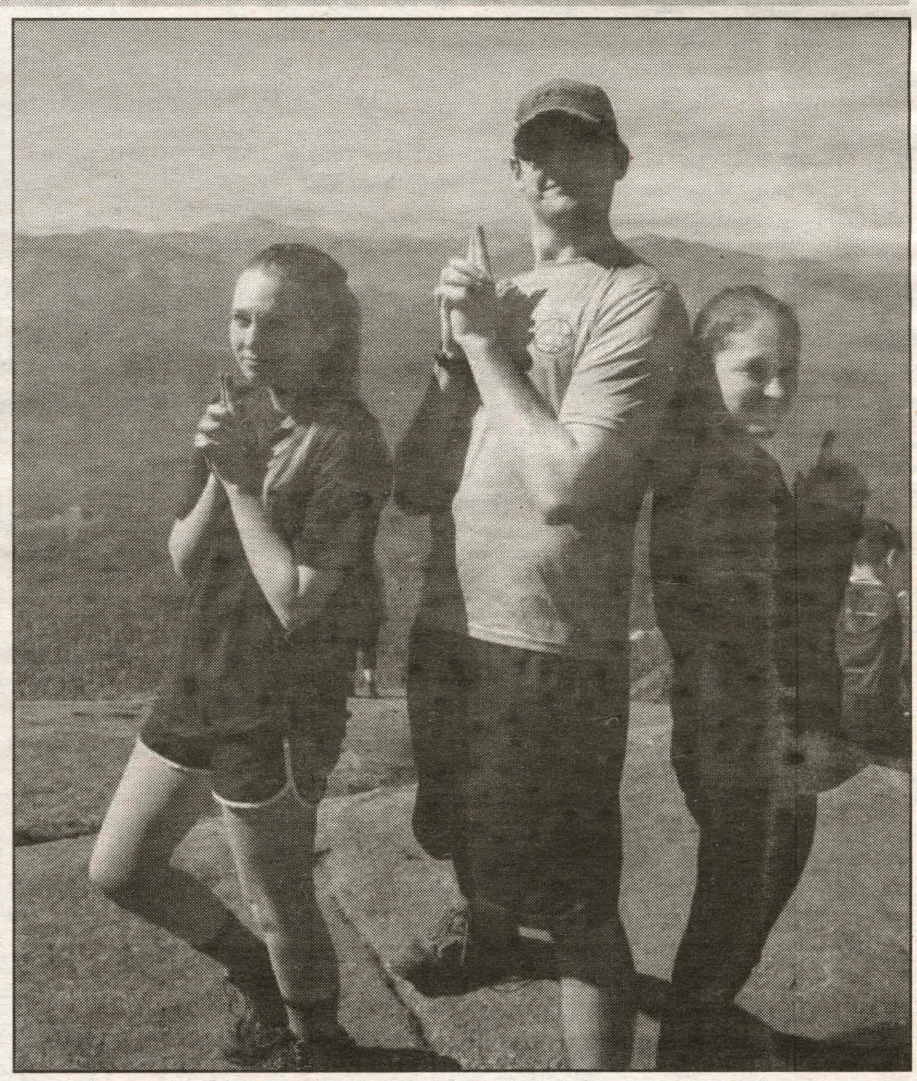

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Senegal St. Joseph Gospel Choir takes audience on musical journey to West Africa

by Alexa Merriam '17
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This past Friday, September 26, Hamilton showcased a dazzling group of singers, drummers and dancers at Wellin Hall. Coming directly from Dakar, the capital city of Senegal, the westernmost country of Africa, these musicians come from a culture very different from most students at Hamilton. Yet their gorgeous interpretations of gospel spirituals, traditional African songs and Catholic Masses united everyone in the audience to embrace the universal joy of passionate music.

The performers on stage Friday night were a select group of over 60 chorale members who perform in St. Joseph's Cathedral of Medina, located in one of the working-class neighborhoods in the capital city of Dakar. Current Music Director Ambroise N'Diong leads the group in a tradition that has existed since 1950, when United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization's Ambassador Artist for Peace Julien Jouga founded the Senegal St. Joseph Gospel Choir.

All of the songs performed during the concert were Jouga's compositions, drawn from both the Catholic liturgy and the indigenous Muslim songs of Senegal. The combination of two distinct cultures within Senegal creates brilliant sounds that symbolize harmony, humanity and hope to listeners. Although French is the official language of Senegal, a listed 36 different languages are spoken in the area. The songs sung during the concert were in four of Senegal's widely used national languages: Wolof, Diola, Sérère and Portuguese Creole.

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The Senegal St. Joseph Gospel Choir danced along to the songs.

Along with two other Sengalese drummers, N'Diong engaged in an exquisite drumming conversation with the singing and dancing group of seven women and three men, led by Choir Director Bernard Lopez Robald. The entire group proceeded into the spotlight to sing "Fala La," a traditional song unassociated with the "Deck the Halls" Christmas tune we all know so well. Entertainingly following this opening song was a unique performance of "You Better Mind" with the refraining title phrase set to the immediately recognizable motif of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. The music continued to bring fun surprises until the very end of the concert, during which a female and male soloist pitted against each other in a theatrical musical battle. The choir was roused as they appeared to defend the woman from an unsolicited relationship, in which the woman pronounced domination with her lovely, strong voice.

Artistic Director of the Senegal St. Joseph Choir, El Hadji Mustapha N'Diaye, ensured that last week's stage was full of color, in terms of both the wide repertoire of music and the festive, coordinating costumes accompanying each act. Donning a conventional choir gown bearing a pictographic emblem of the choir's deceased visionary, Jouga, Choir Director Robald humorously declared, "I'm gonna start making noise, are you ready? You need some coffee. I said 'are you ready!?'" Drummers in vivid tie-dye spiritedly slapped drums with their hands and sticks while members of the choir stole attention with their beautiful harmonies, talented soloists and impressive dancing in choir gowns. Before intermission, the drummers took the stage alone for "Percussion Soruba," the first of two percussion pieces, riveting the crowd to clap along.

For the second set of songs, singers disposed of their gowns for patterned dresses of a variety of colors, and some girls distinguished themselves with whistles, which were heavily incorporated as a stimulating "call to dance." Not only did everyone in the choir sing gospel with soul and conviction, but nearly all articulated rhythm through the movement of their feet and contortion and their bodies, emphasizing what Director Robald told me of his people, that "music and dance is in our blood."

Graves brings folk to Acoustic Coffeehouse

by Alex Witonsky '17
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Shakey Graves, born Alejandro Rose-Garcia, is simply, as his Twitter bio states, "A Texas Gentleman." It was his big, easy grin, his nonchalant but pointed observations ("Yea, I see the beer caps and condom wrappers outside, I know what y'all are up to!") and whistle-lisp country croonin' that, after two or three songs, got the audience dancing on either side of the stage.

Rose-Garcia, a native of Austin, commands a presence on the stage. It might be hard to believe, but the Austin folksman, sipping on beer and chai lattes between songs and trading goof-ball grins with drummer Boo, was previously struggling with a stagnating venture in Hollywood, being cast as any number of villains, ghosts and oddballs in F-list flicks. Yet on Sept. 25, the same night of the show, he received news that he was slotted to play on Conan O'Brien, though he modestly mentioned none of this to the audience.

Opening for Shakey Graves were the Lennings, a fellow act out of Austin. After an ample dose of acoustic-Americana, Shakey Graves took the stage. The melodic and reserved atmosphere that the Lennings crafted departed. In its stead, Shakey Graves finger-picked through a knocking rhythm on electric guitar. The hard surfaces and cylindrical structure of the Barn amplified the music, complicating improvised riffs that already evaded temporal uniformity: when Boo started at the drums, the Coffeehouse was suffused with sound. Some folks seemed jarred and hesitant, others anxious for the outpouring to work into a groove. On his opener, "Christopher Columbus," Rose-Garcia mixed humming with upper-register singing, quickly transitioning between the two. There was a constant tinkering with dynamics as a softly picked riff exploded into sound and faded back down again. The result was an eager, captivating energy. Good luck on figuring out the lyrics.

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Yet, the familiar themes were all there. "Built to Roam" is a testament to wanderlust and a cautioned approach to urban living. He sings, "New York City, I'll see you soon, spend all my money on some elbow room." "Roll the Bones," true to its title, sets a lamentation of futility over a bouncing, plucky rhythm. On advice-giving, Shakey Graves was decidedly hesitant, presenting set after set of contradicting advice in "Word of Mouth" ultimately concluding that all we can do is run.

Three or four songs into the show, Shakey Graves indeed found that groove. The "bromance" between Rose-Garcia and Boo provided some nice musical chemistry. While Rose-Garcia jokes about playing a game called "trick the drummer" (by obfuscating the rhythm at the song's beginning) the result is anything but. These two are tight together. About halfway through the show, Boo left the stage, Rose-Garcia revealed he was wearing a wife-beater, and we were treated to the solo-Shakey Graves experience. And while I think that Boo provided a nice, fuller alternative to the suit-case kick-drum usually accompanying Rose-Garcia, the solo-performance had a bit more personality. In all, it was a bit more contiguous with the lo-fi, down-and-out vibe of the studio-works.

Shakey Graves performed a long set-list, and a diverse one at that. Work from *Lubbock Sessions*, *Roll the Bones* and his upcoming album, *And The War Came* (out Oct.) were all represented.

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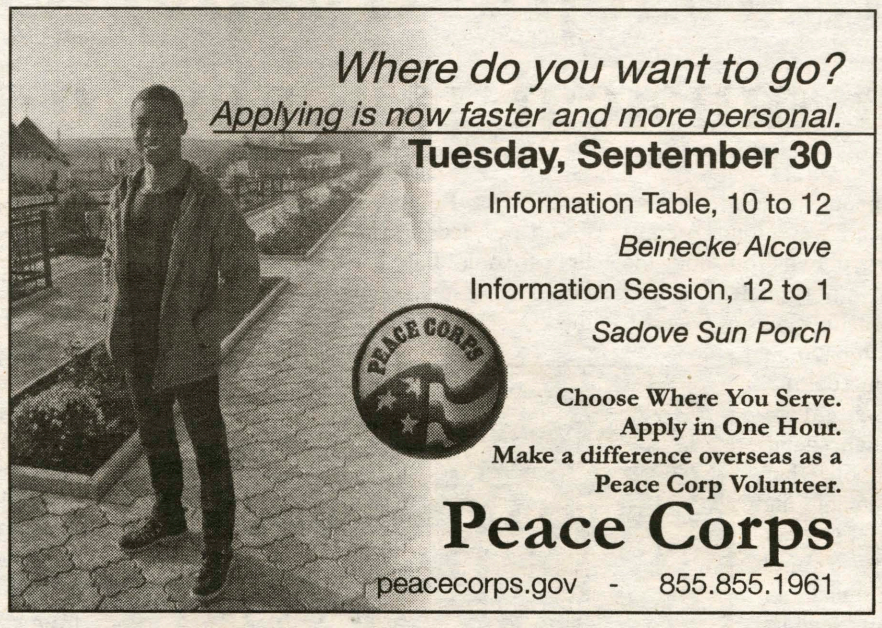
Austin-born musician Shakey Graves brought this folk music to Hamilton.



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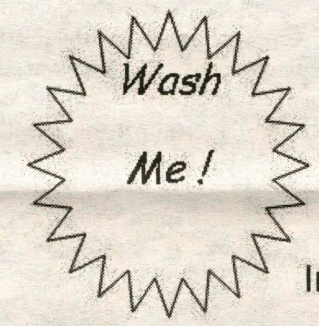

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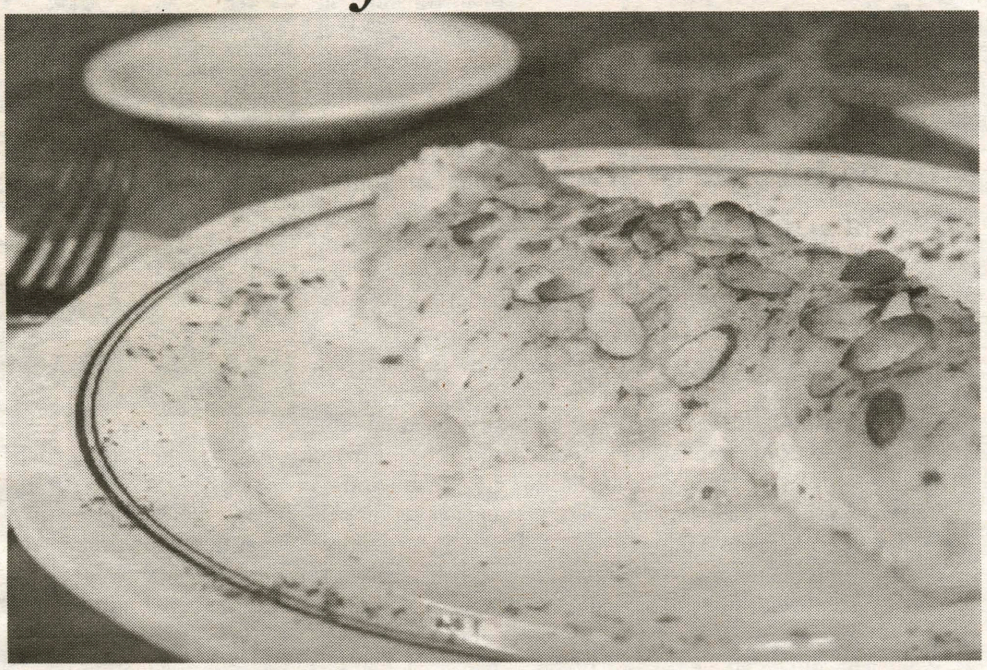

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Cross Country teams compete at Saratoga and Middlebury

by Joe Jensen '15
Sports Writer

The Hamilton cross country teams were able to move up in their mile count standings from week two to week three.

The men's team took sixth place at the Saratoga Invite on Sept. 13, surpassing teams such as Vassar, Siena and Union. Ben Yeo '15 placed the highest of Hamilton competitors, coming in sixth out of 221 runners. Yeo clocked in at 19:03 on the 6-kilometer course. Close behind were Harry Sullivan '16, Evan Abelson '16, Jack Pierce '17 and Dan Baer '15, placing 36th, 40th, 46th and 61st, respectively.

The women's team finished seventh at the Saratoga Invite. Lainie Smith '16 continued her successful junior season as she led Hamilton with a 13th place finish out of 201 competitors. Smith covered the 5-kilometer course in a career best time of 17:59. Following Smith were Hanna Jerome '18, Michelle Fish '17, Emily Banzer '15 and Carolyn King '16, finishing 23rd, 47th, 65th and 74th respectively. Fish also put up a personal best with a time of 18:58.

Despite positive performances on the weekend of the 13th, Hamilton was not satisfied. The Middlebury's Aldrich Invitational on Sept. 20, which hosted seven teams including NESCAC opponents Middlebury and Colby College, brought out the best in both the Hamilton men and women.

The men took third place improving their sixth place finish from the prior week. Yeo helped lead the men's team for the third consecutive week placing third out of 82 runners. Yeo surpassed the eight kilometer course in only 26:47.

Rounding out the top five for Hamilton were none other than Sullivan, Abelson, Baer and Pierce, placing 12th, 14th, 19th and 32nd respectively. Abelson, who has been having a productive season, commented on the team's success thus far: "The season has been fantastic… the results are starting to show that. We were ranked 10th in the Atlantic region in the latest Coach's Poll, which was the first time in my three years here that we have made it into the top 10. We are beating the teams we should beat and mixing it up with some of the nation's best."

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> *—Evan Abelson '16*

He then applauded the strength of the team, saying, "We are a very mature team. For many guys this isn't our first rodeo and racing experience is something you can't teach."

The women were not about to let the men's team take the spotlight, as they too made strides of improvement. Jerome took 14th place out of the 96 contenders. She finished the 5-kilometer course in 19:48. In heated pursuit were Banzer, Lindsay Heyer '17, Alex Reading '16 and Fish, finishing in 23rd, 24th, 27th and 28th, respectively, and rounding out Hamilton's top five. Jerome commented on the team success as well as her own, saying, "Whether it is 6:45 practices or 10-mile runs, the team has been working really hard…I am challenged by my own teammates everyday during practice."

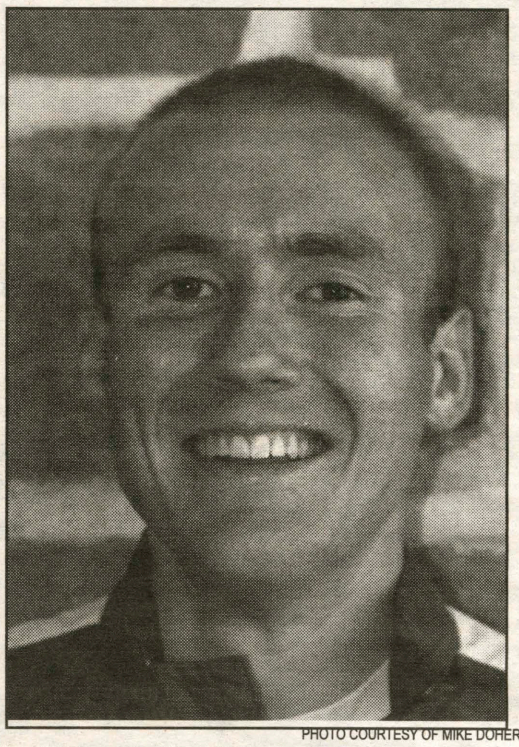
PHOTO COURTESY OF MIKE DOHERTY
Ben Yeo '15 has paced the men's team this fall.

This friendly competition allows the women's team to set and surpass their own standards. Smith would also say a strength of the team is that "we have a strong freshmen class that has given our team some depth. Everyone is training pretty smart too, and doing a lot outside of practice for injury prevention." With depth and dedication like this, it is no wonder the team is seeing results.

Abelson is also excited because "the team is looking great for the weekend. We hope to see the debut of two more members-Moses '16 andFreeman'16 of last year's varsity squad coming off of injury to bolster our depth."

Smith showed similar enthusiasm for the weekend, saying "We are running a course that is familiar to us and is flat, meaning we should get some fast times. Also, it is our first 6k of the season so it will be exciting to see what we can do with a longer course."

Having had this past weekend off from competition, both the men's and women's teams will look to take advantage of their fresh legs. The teams will next venture off to the SUNY Geneseo Invitational held in Letchworth State Park on Oct. 4. The race will be a good warm-up for the Continentals's second home match of the season, the Hamilton College Invitational over Parents' Weekend on Oct. 11.

Continental Sports Highlights

Women's Golf

The women's team finished sixth out of 11 teams in the Middlebury Invitational. Katie Veasey '17 finished 13th out of 85 total golfers with a career-best 166 over two rounds. Anne Govern '15 finished 26th, while Liz Morris '16 posted a career-best round of 85 on Sunday.

Women's Soccer

The Continentals blew out SUNY Canton, 7-0, for their third straight win. The women's team will finish their regular season with six consecutive games against NESCAC opponents.

Men's Soccer

Dan Kraynak '15 scored the overtime game-winner against Utica on Sept. 23, improving the Continentals' record to 4-1-1. Hamilton then dropped a double-overtime decision to Wesleyan on Sept. 27, leaving them seventh in the NESCAC standings with four points.

Volleyball

Hamilton won at Middlebury on Sept. 26 before splitting a pair of matches at the Skidmore Classic on Sept. 27. The Continentals defeated host Skidmore before losing to Sage College, leaving them with a record of 10-4.

W. Rugby rolls over Cortland for 2nd win

by Gregg Nabhan '18
Sports Contributor

The Hamilton women's rugby team showed their strength with a convincing 43-12 win over SUNY Cortland on Sept. 27. Advancing to 2-1 on the season, the team can look to continued success after a dominant performance.

"We were ready to show… all the time and commitment we put into the first few weeks of the season," said captain Ana Hernandez '16, who played a key role in the victory earning three tries for herself as a forward.

Having lost their first game of the season to Colgate 26-8, the team struggled to find momentum early on. "[Colgate] came out really strong," said Hernandez. "They are always one of our biggest rivals during the season." However, following a decisive 65-15 win on the road over SUNY Oneonta, the women's rugby team felt confident and motivated going into Saturday.

"We come out as if we're playing in the last five minutes," said Hannah Wagner '15. True to her word, Wagner and her teammates attacked Cortland right from the start with tries by Blair Frett '16, Hannah Nekoroski '15, and Hannah Ferris '16, whose lone try came from a spectacular mid-tackle offload by Ella Dean '17 to send her teammate into the in goal area.

"Our goals were to really communicate across the board, and today we were really vocal and enthusiastic, and it showed on the scoreboard," said Hernandez, who put in two tries herself before halftime; one came off of an impressive fumble return, the other with five Cortland defensemen on her back. The team then entered halftime with a commanding 33-0 lead and positive energy.

"I told [the team] that they were doing a really great job, and just to keep attacking," said Coach Amanda Benoit. Despite their success however, Benoit warned the team not to let up. "Cortland is a team that does not give up no matter what," she said, with Hernandez echoing, "It's easy to get ahead on the scoreboard and then slack off a bit, but we were determined to play a zero-zero game."

Cortland responded in the second half by keeping the ball with their big, hard-hitting forwards and managed to earn two tries. Recognizing the change, Coach Benoit stressed gang tackling for the rest of the game. "Once we figured out we had to assist on tackles, it worked out great."

Coach Benoit made defense a strong area of focus before the game to hold back a typically productive Cortland offense. "We forced numerous turnovers in their backline," she said, proud of her team's ability to follow the game plan.

Following these turnovers came the ruggers' ability to capitalize on scoring opportunities with Hernandez earning one more try before the end to put the game firmly out of reach for Cortland.

Other highlights include Emily Kaplan '15 who went 5-for-6 on try conversions and 1-for-1 on penalty kicks, proving herself to be an invaluable asset to the offensive attack. "She made every kick she needed to make," commented Benoit. Flanker Sarah Graves '16 also showed her worth of the front lines. Despite suffering an injury in the final minutes, "she was at every single breakdown," said her coach.

Following the victory, the women's rugby team can be sure to continue their hard work heading into this weekend. "Our challenge is to not get complacent and to continue to build," said Hernandez. Hopefully they can continue their successes in practice for further success come game day.

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The Exiles crushed SUNY Cortland on Sat., Sept. 27.

Tigani shoots 71 on Sunday

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The final day of the qualifier proved the strength of the Hamilton team as they posted the low score of 299. Joe Tigani '18 tied for the lowest score on the weekend by all competitors shooting a 71. While the Hamilton team put up an extremely strong Sunday performance, the team fell just short.

> **"Everyone's performance was absolutely outstanding. This is the team we knew we could be the whole season."**
> *—Coach Lauren Cupp*

The team not only showed great skill on the course but also hosted the tournament with class. The Hamilton team showed an incomparable sense of sportsmanship as Gipper Gailor '15 took a two-stroke penalty on a ball marking miscue. While the penalty ended up changing the result of the match, the sportsmanship shown by the team sends a stronger message than any of the results on the course all weekend.

Coach Lauren Cupp enthusiastically expressed, "Everyone's performance was absolutey outstanding. This is the team we knew we could be the whole season." Cupp also said, "As always, the honesty and temperament of the team during the weekend was top notch."

While the performance of the team has been anything but consistent, everyone's performace aligned over the weekend. One of the captains, Mac Pivirotto '15, commented on the weekend, "Although the result was not what we were going for, we proved not only to the entire NESCAC, but also to ourselves that we are legitmate contenders."

Pivirotto continued to say, "We needed to be one of the top four teams this weekend, and we did that. I know this team will continue to get better as experience and confidence grows on the course."

With the team growing closer and winter training continueing as much as possible, the men's golf team looks to continue their strong play as they look towards the spring.

The Hamilton men's golf team ended the fall portion of their season on a high note with nothing but anxious excitement for the spring season still to come. The team will also be having three juniors who spent the fall off campus rejoining the squad, not only adding depth to the roster, but also more veteran experience as the team prepares for the rigorous spring.

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Tennis teams remain undefeated

by Daphne Assimakopoulos '17
Sports Writer

The Continentals have taken advantage of the warm weather this past week, enjoying the sunshine with outdoor practices and matches.

Both the men's and women's tennis teams started their seasons off on a tear; they both remain unbeaten.

The women's team entered the fall coming off of the most successful season in team history last spring. Thus far, the Continentals have surpassed expectations and defeated SUNY Cortland 8-1, SUNY Oneonta 8-1 and Union College 8-1.

Rachel Friedman '15, Mira Khanna '15, Anna Jaeger '15 and Liz Detwiler '15 have remained steadfast in their final fall season as Continentals. All have been dependable winners in matches thus far.

Friedman has been one of the team's singles anchors. Against Union, she won her eighth career doubles match, for which she was paired with Jaeger. "We've had a strong fall season so far, winning all of our dual matches with only a couple left to go," she commented. "The fall season really serves as a warm-up for our more important and much more competitive spring season. I think, going into the spring, we will be in a good position to match and perhaps even improve upon our record-breaking season last year."

Winnie Tang '17 has also excelled this fall, building upon her impressive spring season by winning every match she has played in both singles and doubles matches.

Friedman added that her goals include "improving on shot selection and setting up and finishing points well. Also, as far as my goals for the team, I want us to keep building upon our successes from last season to have an even better one this spring. The team has a lot of potential, and I can't wait to see where it takes us!"

The men have enjoyed similar success, also winning all their dual matches this fall. The Continentals took down SUNY Oneonta 9-0, Utica College 7-2 and Elmira College 8-1.

Seniors Matt Billet and James Oliver serve as captains this year, ready to bring about an impressive record to the tennis program. Last spring, the Intercollegiate Tennis Association awarded the team the Sportsmanship Award for the month of April.

"It is good to get back to the dual match format," Billet expressed. "We feel confident as ever and we're looking forward to Colgate, the big one, next week."

Both played key roles in securing the team's fourth consecutive win against Ithaca College on Sept. 30. Oliver rallied for a three-set singles win, while Billet teamed with Alex Streich '18 for a key doubles victory.

The Continentals added two new first-years to their roster this season, whom Billet noted that they "have definitely instilled energy and intensity to our program. Their raw talent and fearlessness on the court has definitely kept us returners on edge as we look to build a strong team for the spring."

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> *—Rachel Friedman '15*

All the men on the roster have performed quite well in the recent matches, switching from singles to doubles with ease and earning wins along the way.

Streich, Burke Paxton '17, Austin Lokre '16, Eyad Nagori '18, Jon Cohen '17 and Max McKee-Proctor '17 all recorded victories against Elmira this past Saturday.

"Our first goal is to bring our best and compete well in NESCAC opposition. We've got some important conference matches on the schedule and we will fight tooth and nail in those intense settings," shared Billet. "Another goal is to improve as a cohesive unit as the year progresses. There are many aspects to a collegiate tennis team (singles, doubles, navigating 20+ dual matches throughout the year) and as long as everybody works hard and strives to bring their best during competition, I'm confident that we'll have a successful year."

The men take on Colgate University next Wednesday, Oct. 8, while the women challenge Utica College and SUNY Plattsburgh at the Grey Tennis Courts on Oct. 5.

PHOTO BY OF MICHELLE CHAPMAN '17

M. Golf finishes 2nd at NESCAC qualifier

by Tucker Hamlin '17
Sports Editor

Hamilton men's golf made a statement this weekend. One year after missing the chance to play in the NESCAC championship, the Continentals came in second to Middlebury by a single stroke.

With all NESCAC teams in attendance, the top four finishers in the qualifier will play in the championships this spring. The Continentals, filled with strong veteran and rookie talent, were primed to make a strong showing. The weather was perfect, and the home team was ready to play at nearby Skenandoa Golf Club in Clinton.

After Saturday, Hamilton was in second place with a final score of 301. The combination of the top four scores finished only behind Middlebury, who shot a cumulative 297. Riley Burgess '18 shot the low score for the team at 73 and Greg Reeves '17 finished close behind with a 74.

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The men's golf team will play for the NESCAC championship this spring.

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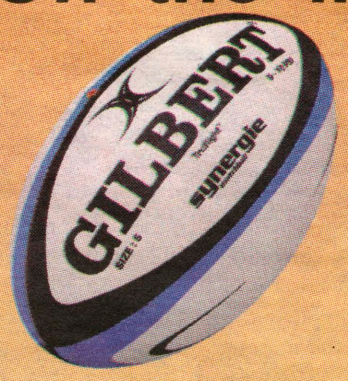

The Hamilton women's rugby team competed in its third game of the season, taking on SUNY Cortland at home. Read more about how the Exiles fared.

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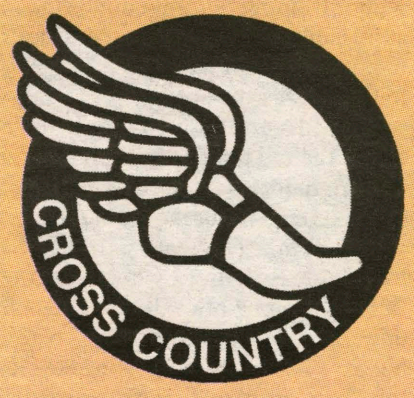

The cross country teams have competed in the Saratoga and Middlebury Invitationals over the past two weeks. Read on about Hamilton's standout runners.

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